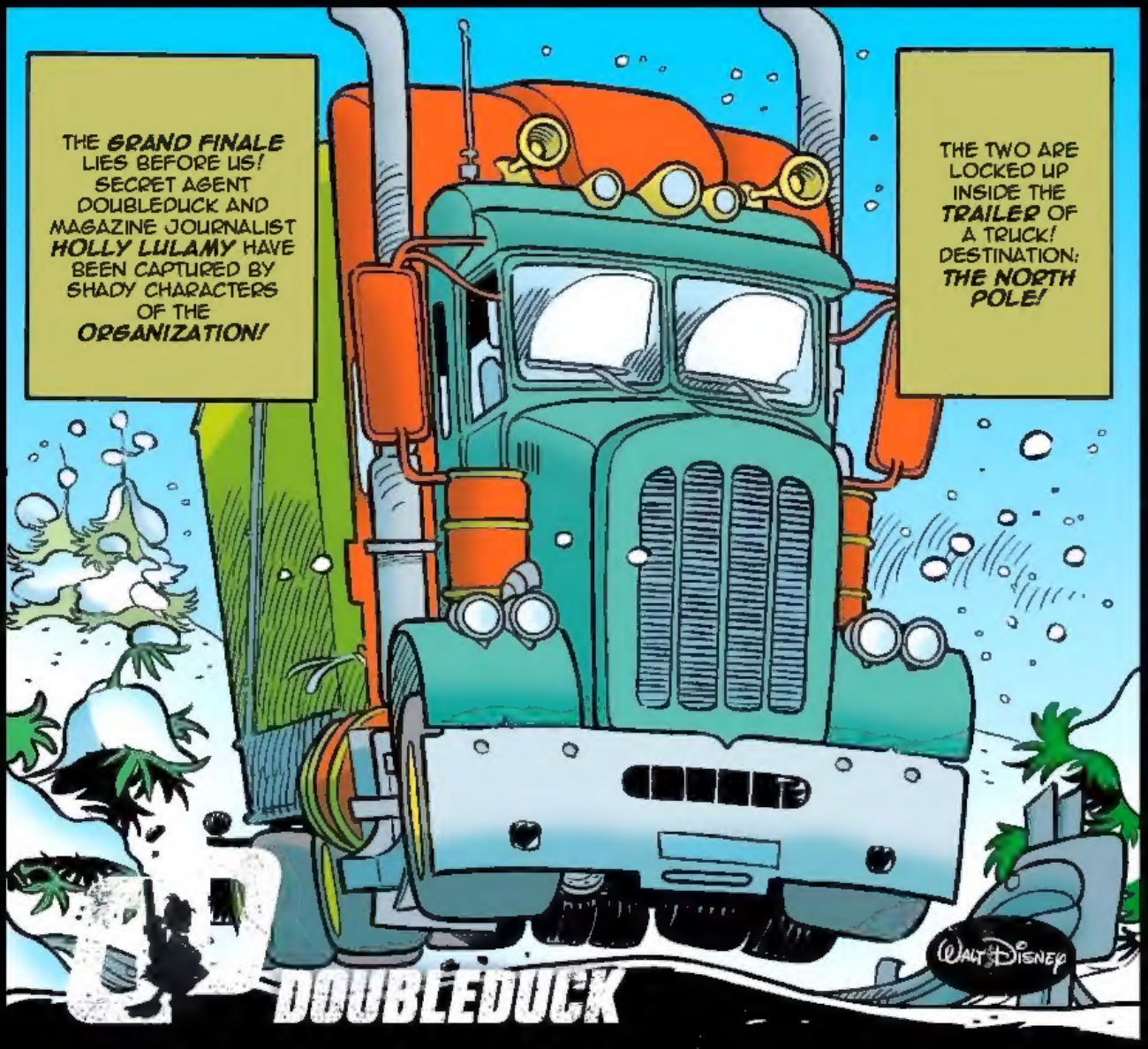
THE GRAND FINALE LIES BEFORE US! SECRET AGENT DOUBLEDUCK AND MAGAZINE JOURNALIST HOLLY LULAMY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY SHADY CHARACTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION!
THE TWO ARE LOCKED UP INSIDE THE TRAILER OF A TRUCK! DESTINATION: THE NORTH POLE!
WALT DISNEY

DOUBLEDUCK

la MACCHINA delle NUVOLE

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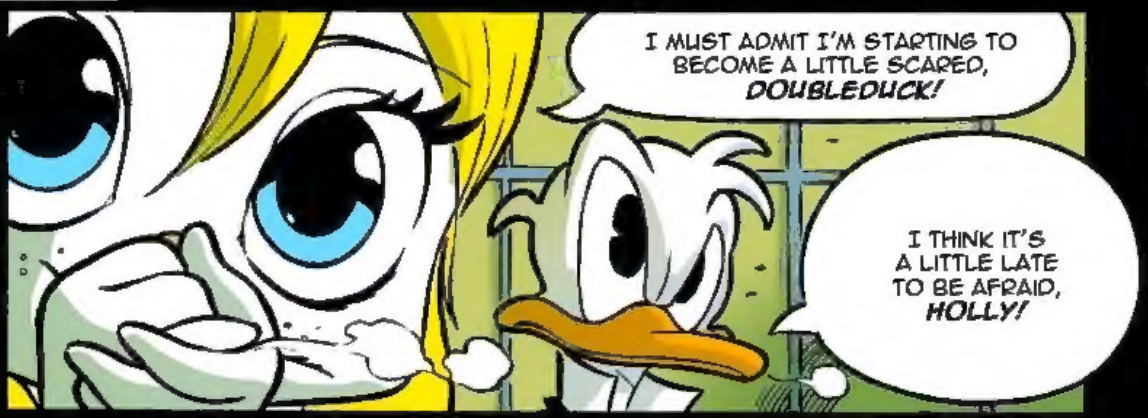

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SIGH... I DIDN'T THINK WE'D GET TO THIS POINT!
CLOSED INSIDE THE BACK OF A TRUCK, WITH NO WAY OUT!
ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, WE'LL GET OUT!
ARE YOU SURE, DD?
THERE THERE, REMAIN CALM!
NOT A HUNDRED PERCENT, BUT... OOPS!
SKREEEOK
?
WHAT WAS THAT?
AT THE VERY LEAST, A TEST OF THE BRAKES!
POW

LET'S SEE HOW OUR PASSENGERS ARE DOING!
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HELLO! HAD A GOOD TRAVEL?
NOT REALLY! THE SERVICE LEAVES SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED!
THE CAVIAR WAS STALE AND THE CHINOTTO WAS BITTER!
ALWAYS A FUNNY GUY, EH?
YOU'VE DONE WELL IN FREEING YOURSELF, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE SO LUCKY FROM HERE ON OUT!
SAYS WHO?
FOLLOW ME! THE JOURNEY CONTINUES..
AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

I DON'T WANT TO RUIN THE SURPRISE!
GULP!
SEE, THE FACT IS THAT YOUR AGENCY KNOWS YOU'RE IN OUR HANDS!
HMPF! AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
THAT, AT LEAST FOR NOW, YOU'RE OUR INSURANCE! AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH US, NO ONE WILL GIVE US TROUBLE!

WOW! I'VE NEVER SEEN A PLANE THIS BIG, DO!
MY UNCLE HAS A SIMILAR ONE, WHICH I'VE ALSO FLOWN!
BUT HE RARELY USES IT!
IS IT TOO HEAVY?
NO; TOO CONSUMING!
ROARRRR
W-E A-R-E D-E-P-A-R-T-I-N-G!
I H-A-D N-O-T-I-C-E-D!

DON'T THINK YOU CAN ESCAPE ME, DUCK!
WE'RE HEADING NORTH, AS I SUSPECTED!
THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU KNOW SOMETHING? YOU'RE SO QUICK-WITTED THAT I'M SORRY YOU DON'T WORK FOR US!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO STAY ON THE OTHER SIDE?
AND ANYWAYS, THE ANSWER IS NO!
TO ME, THAT *OTHER SIDE* IS YOU!
I ASK YOU TO THINK ABOUT IT!

I ASSURE YOU THAT THE SALARY IS BETTER THAN WHAT YOUR AGENCY OFFERS!
THAT'S FOR SURE!
IN ANY CASE, EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE IN THEIR RIGHT PLACE; I STAND WITH THE GOOD GUYS!
AND ACCORDING TO YOU, WHERE DO WE STAND?
IN THE END, IN JAIL!
BAH... I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE OF THAT!
YOU ARE MERELY A BUSYBODY WHO HAS CROSSED PATHS WITH US...
... AND WHEN WE'VE ELIMINATED YOU, NO ONE WILL KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS PROJECT!
BUSYBODY EJECTION
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!

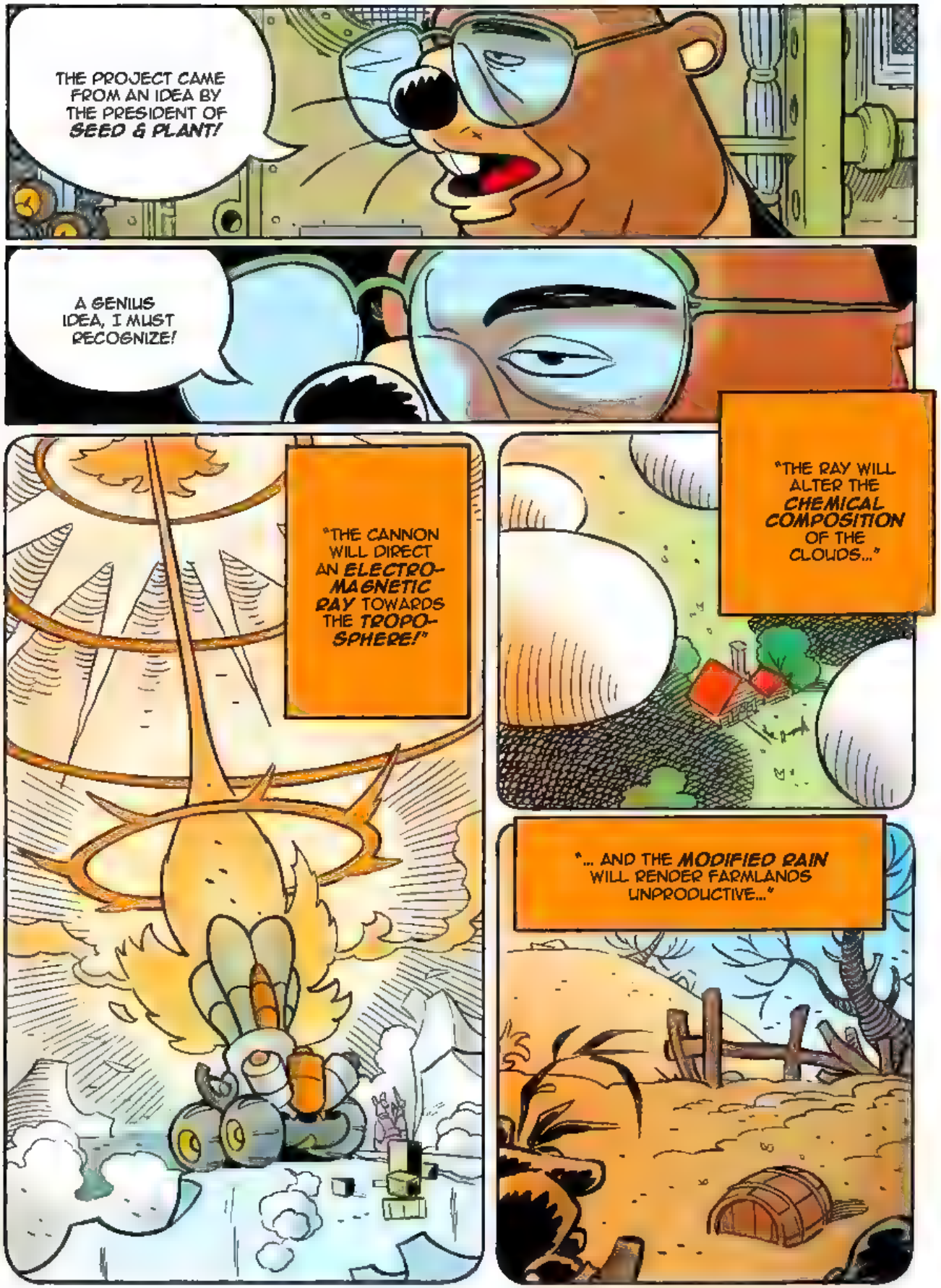
YOU JUST SAID THAT WE WERE YOUR INSURANCE!
EXACTLY, DOLL...
... BUT EVEN INSURANCES EXPIRE!
GULP!
ELIMINATING US WON'T SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THAT THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE WHO'S CLOSING IN ON YOU!
HMM...
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO BE, DOUBLEDUCK? YOUR LAST BLUFF?
NOT AT ALL! HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE DIVISION?

THEY'RE MERCENARY SPIES WHO SELL INFORMATION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!
IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT ONE OF THEIR AGENTS HAS BEEN AT MY HEELS FROM THE START!
THAT'S RIGHT!
AND IF I'M BEING TAILED, THAT MEANS YOU'RE BEING SO TOO!
HMM...
WHO IS THIS SPY? WHERE IS HE AT THIS MOMENT?
"... BUT I'M CERTAIN THAT, AT THE RIGHT MOMENT, HE'LL JUMP OUT!"
I DON'T HAVE THE FAINTEST IDEA...

THE PLANE FLIES OVER THE BOUNDLESS PLAINS OF FINLAND...
... ITS THOUSAND LAKES...
... AND THE HOUSE OF A FRIENDLY CHARACTER!

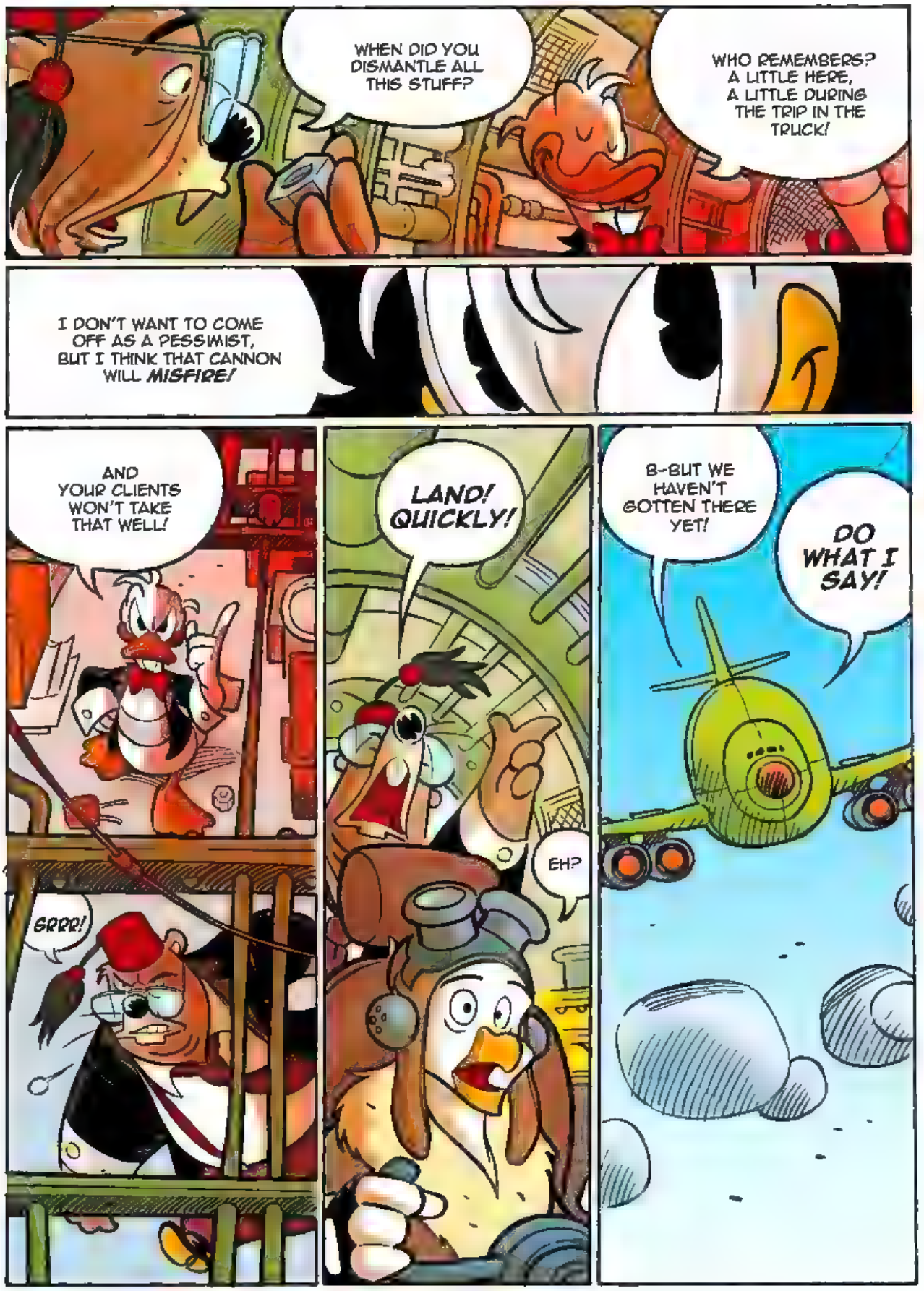
WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
ARE WE ALREADY GOING TO LAND?
MORE OR LESS...
IN REALITY, ONLY *YOU TWO* WILL LAND!
HEY, YOU'RE NOT REALLY INTENDING TO HAVE US *FREEZE OUR FEATHERS!*
IT'S A SIMPLIFICATION, BUT YOU GET THE IDEA!
AT LEAST FIRST EXPLAIN TO US WHAT THIS PLAN'S ABOUT!

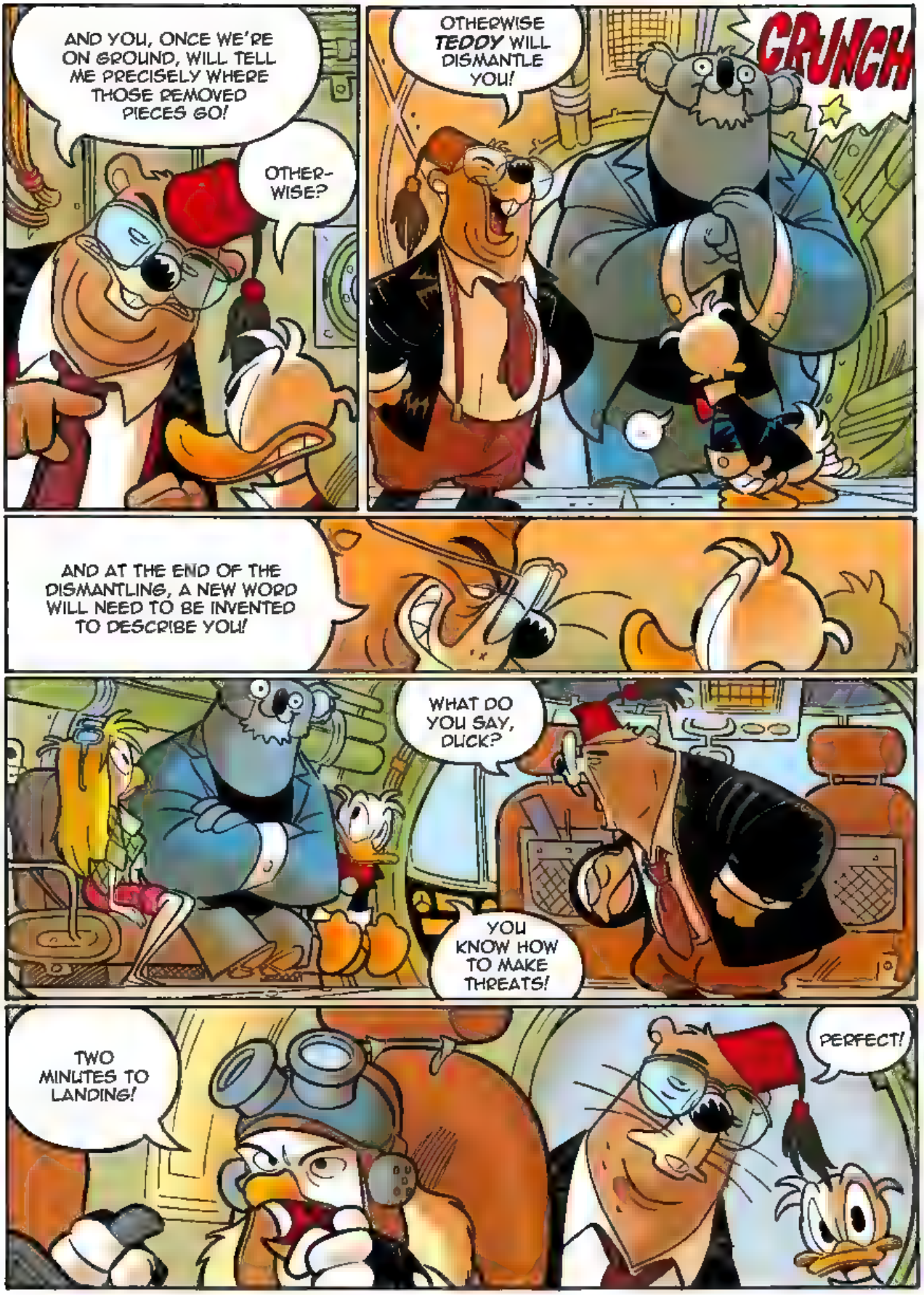
YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY FIGURED IT OUT YOURSELF?
YES, BUT I'D LIKE TO HEAR IT DIRECTLY FROM YOU!
I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE RIGHT, IN REGARDS TO YOUR INTENTIONS!
YOU'RE SAYING WE'VE GOTTEN TO THE MOMENT OF THOSE LONG EXPLANATIONS YOU SEE IN MOVIES?
THOSE WHERE THE GOOD GUYS TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSAULT THE BAD GUYS?
TO USE YOUR OWN LINE... IT'S A SIMPLIFICATION, BUT YOU GET THE IDEA!
I THINK IT'S A CLICHÉ... DO YOU EXPECT IT TO WORK?
IT WILL MAKE THE TIME PASS!
VERY WELL! WHERE DO YOU WANT ME TO START?
START FROM THE START! THAT'S ALWAYS A GOOD TACTIC...


THE PROJECT CAME FROM AN IDEA BY THE PRESIDENT OF SEED & PLANT!
A GENIUS IDEA, I MUST RECOGNIZE!
"THE CANNON WILL DIRECT AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC RAY TOWARDS THE TROPO-SPHERE!"
"THE RAY WILL ALTER THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THE CLOUDS..."
"... AND THE MODIFIED RAIN WILL RENDER FARMLANDS UNPRODUCTIVE..."

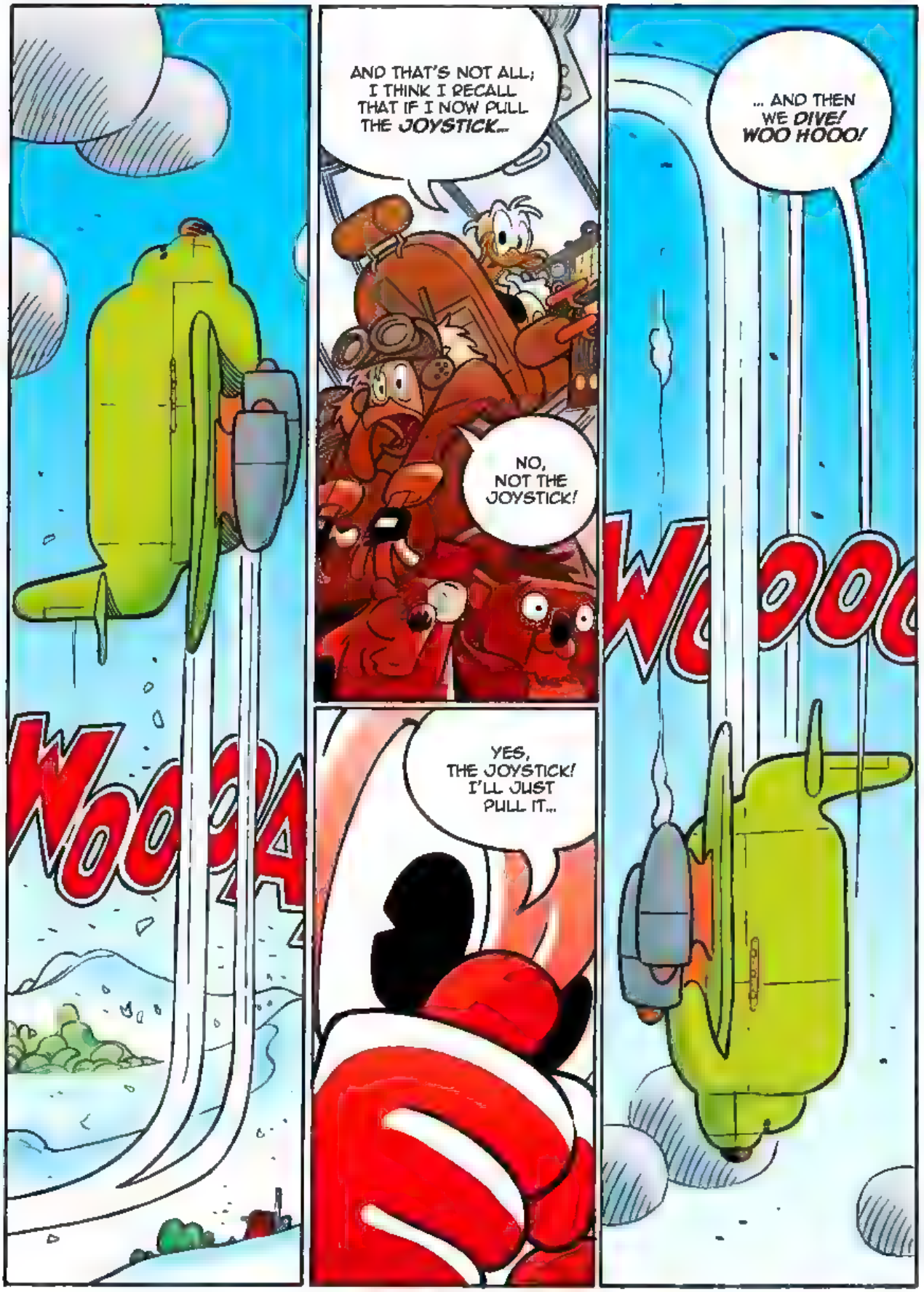
... UNLESS THEY ARE CULTIVATED WITH PARTICULAR SEEDS!
WHICH HAPPEN TO BE PRODUCED BY SEED & PLANT!
THAT'S RIGHT!
OBVIOUSLY, WE'LL ENSURE TO LAY THE BLAME ON CLIMATE CHANGES! IT'S AN EXCUSE THAT ALWAYS WORKS!
AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S THE FUNNIEST PART? THAT SEED & PLANT WILL BECOME IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD THE SAVIOR OF AGRICULTURE!
FOR NOW WE'RE DOING A PILOT EXPERIMENT! THE AFFECTED AREA SHOULD BE SMALL ENOUGH!
THAT'S DUCKBURG!
IF, AS WE EXPECT, IT WORKS, IT WILL SHORTLY RAIN ON THE ENTIRE PLANET! ALL THANKS TO THIS MARVEL OF TECHNOLOGY!

LOOKS LIKE A RATHER COMPLEX DEVICE!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, DUCK! IT'S A MASTERPIECE OF METEOROLOGICAL ENGINEERING!
TYPICALLY, THE MORE COMPLICATED A CONTRAPTION IS THE MORE DELICATE IT IS, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
THAT MISSING ONE ELEMENT, EVEN A SMALL ONE, WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM TO BECOME A WRECK!
WHAT... ELEMENT?
THIS, FOR EXAMPLE!
AH!
OR THIS... OR EVEN THIS!
AAAH!


WHEN DID YOU DISMANTLE ALL THIS STUFF?
WHO REMEMBERS? A LITTLE HERE, A LITTLE DURING THE TRIP IN THE TRUCK!
I DON'T WANT TO COME OFF AS A PESSIMIST, BUT I THINK THAT CANNON WILL MISFIRE!
AND YOUR CLIENTS WON'T TAKE THAT WELL!
GRRR!
LAND! QUICKLY!
EH?
B-BUT WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN THERE YET!
DO WHAT I SAY!

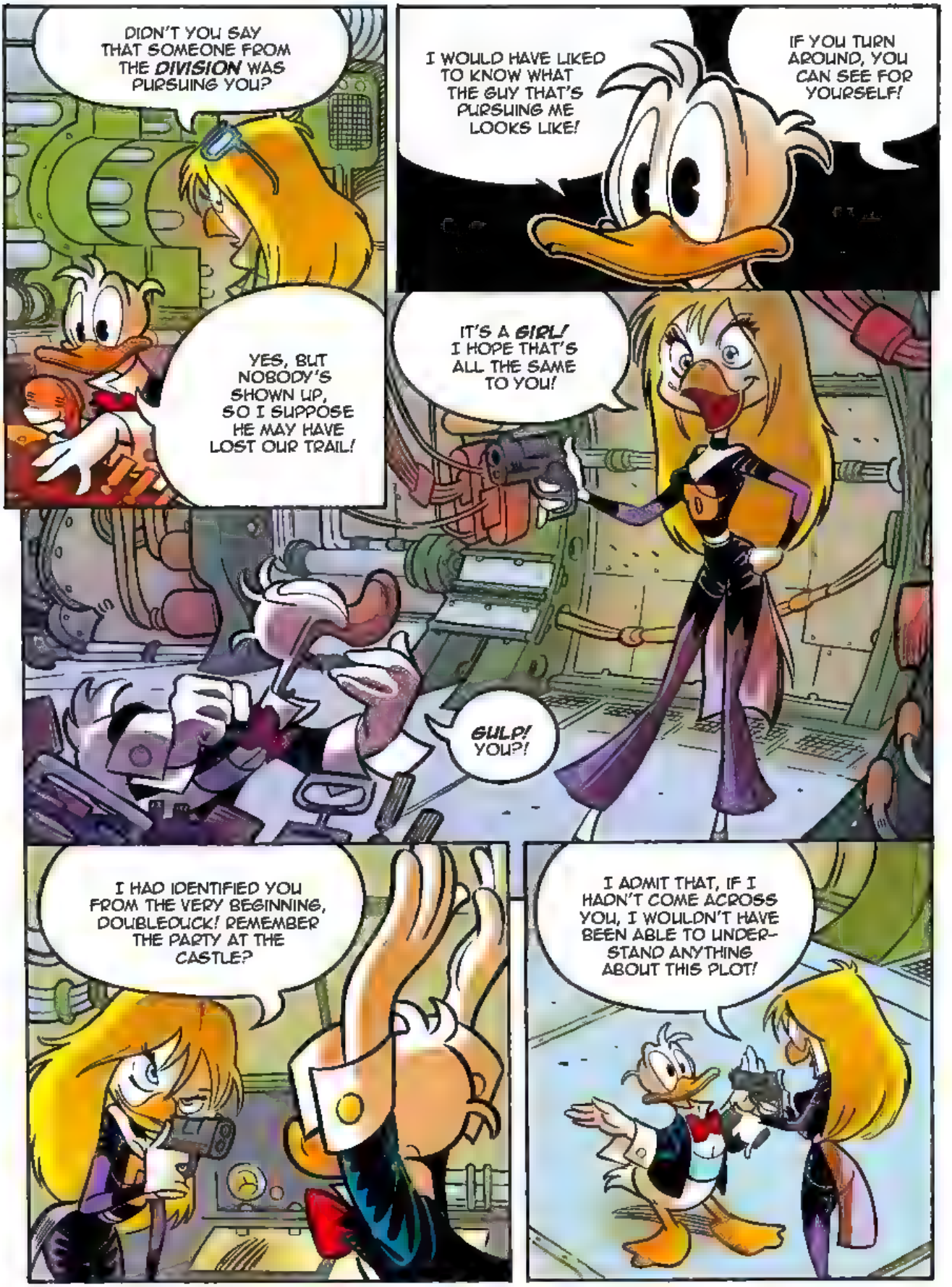

AND YOU, ONCE WE'RE ON GROUND, WILL TELL ME PRECISELY WHERE THOSE REMOVED PIECES GO!
OTHER-WISE?
OTHERWISE *TEDDY* WILL DISMANTLE YOU!
GRUNCH
AND AT THE END OF THE DISMANTLING, A NEW WORD WILL NEED TO BE INVENTED TO DESCRIBE YOU!
WHAT DO YOU SAY, DUCK?
YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE THREATS!
TWO MINUTES TO LANDING!
PERFECT!

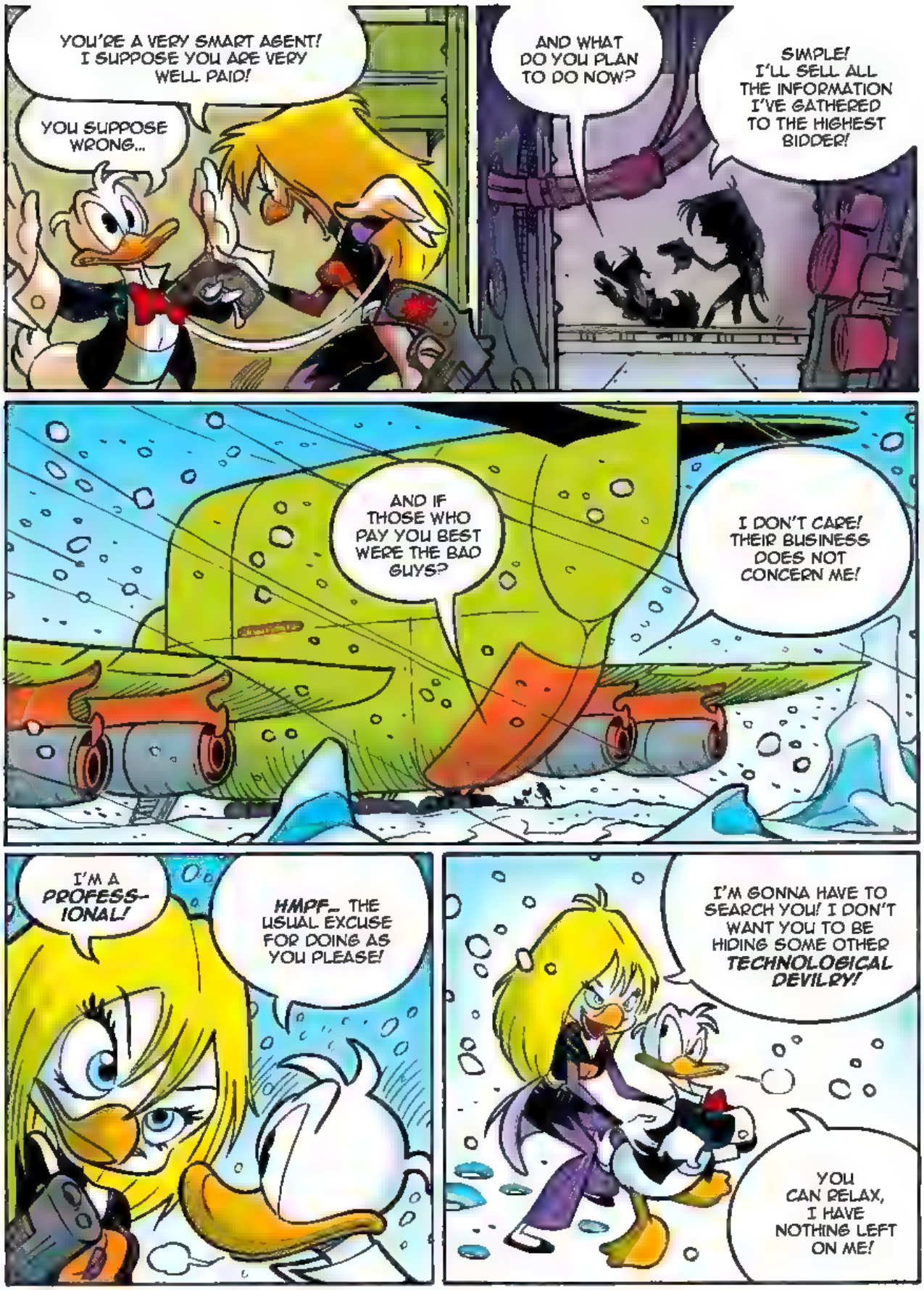
HEY, HOLLY, REMEMBER WHEN I TOLD YOU THAT MY UNCLE POSSESSES ONE OF THESE BEASTS?
YES, DOUBLE-DUCK!
WHY DO YOU ASK?
YOU ALSO TOLD ME THAT YOU HAD FLOWN IT!
THAT'S RIGHT!
BECAUSE I REMEMBERED SOMETHING! FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT, PLEASE!
O-OKAY!
IF I PULL THAT LEVER...
... SOMETHING INTERESTING SHOULD HAPPEN!
HEY, HANDS OFF!
SORRY; TOO LATE!
GASP!
KLAK


AND THAT'S NOT ALL; I THINK I RECALL THAT IF I NOW PULL THE JOYSTICK...
NO, NOT THE JOYSTICK!
YES, THE JOYSTICK! I'LL JUST PULL IT...
... AND THEN WE DIVE! WOO HOOO!

HOLLY, PUT THEM TO SLEEP, PLEASE!
YOU DON'T WANT ME TO SING A LULLABY, I HOPE!
NO; I WANT YOU TO USE THIS!
AH, I SEE...
BONK
JUST SPEAK OUT!
AND NOW, LET'S LAND THIS JALOPY!
YES, BUT CAREFULLY!
RELAX, IT WILL BE THE SOFTEST LANDING YOU'VE EVER EXPERIENCED!
WATCH AND BE AMAZED!

SBBBBONG
THUD
BONK
I DON'T WANNA OFFEND YOU, BUT I'VE EXPERIENCED SOFTER LANDINGS...
SO HAVE I, IN FACT!
WHATEVER THE CASE, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!
HE HE!
THE ANTI-HARVEST CANNON IS OUT OF USE AND THE BAD GUYS ARE NICELY WRAPPED UP!
ALL THAT REMAINS IS CALLING THE AGENCY AND GIVE THEM THE COORDINATES SO THEY CAN COME PICK US UP!
WAIT, DOUBLEDUCK; THERE'S STILL ONE OUTSTANDING MATTER!

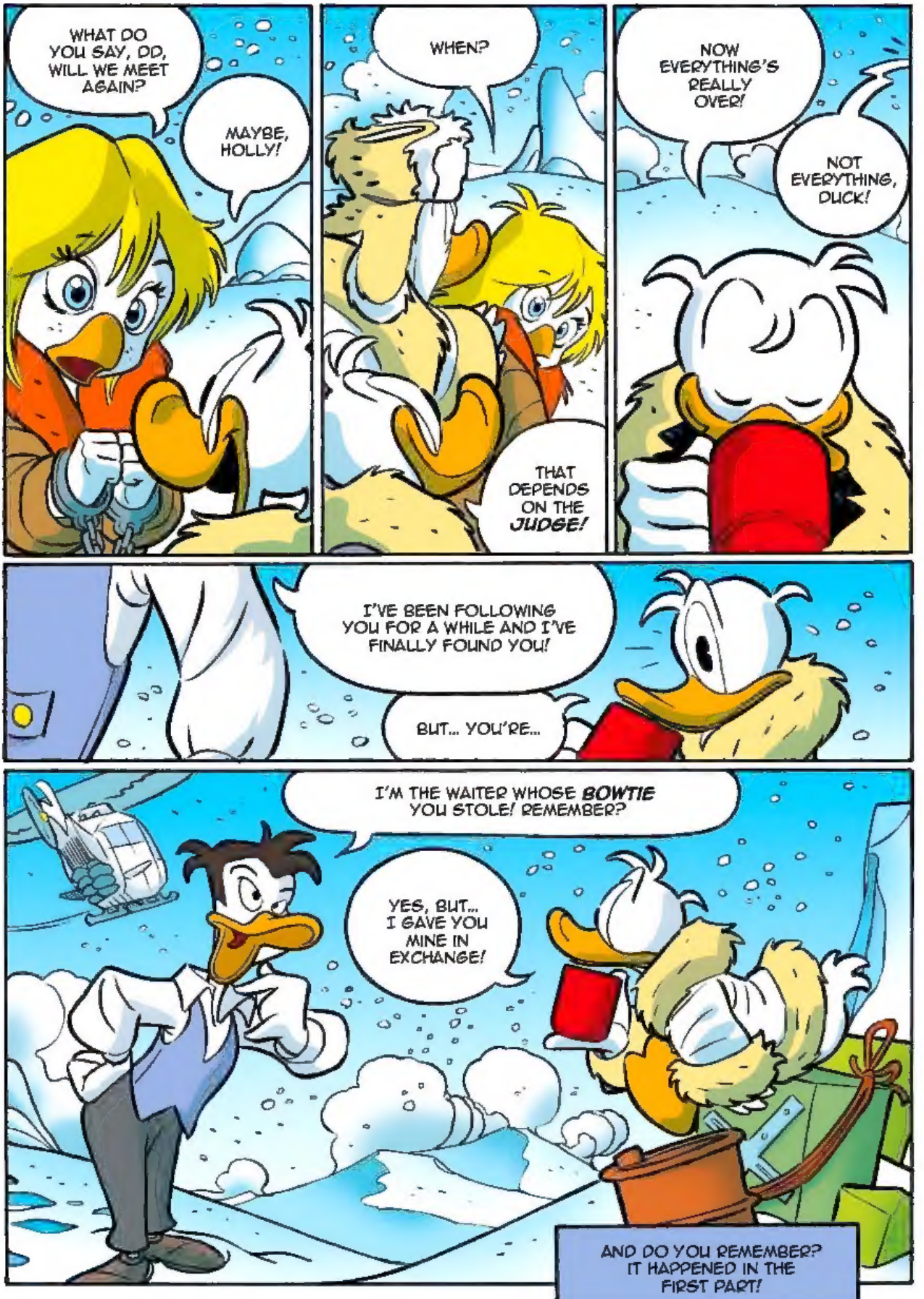

DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT SOMEONE FROM THE DIVISION WAS PURSUING YOU?
YES, BUT NOBODY'S SHOWN UP, SO I SUPPOSE HE MAY HAVE LOST OUR TRAIL!
I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO KNOW WHAT THE GUY THAT'S PURSUING ME LOOKS LIKE!
IF YOU TURN AROUND, YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF!
IT'S A GIRL! I HOPE THAT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU!
GULP! YOU?!
I HAD IDENTIFIED YOU FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, DOUBLEDUCK! REMEMBER THE PARTY AT THE CASTLE?
I ADMIT THAT, IF I HADN'T COME ACROSS YOU, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ABOUT THIS PLOT!

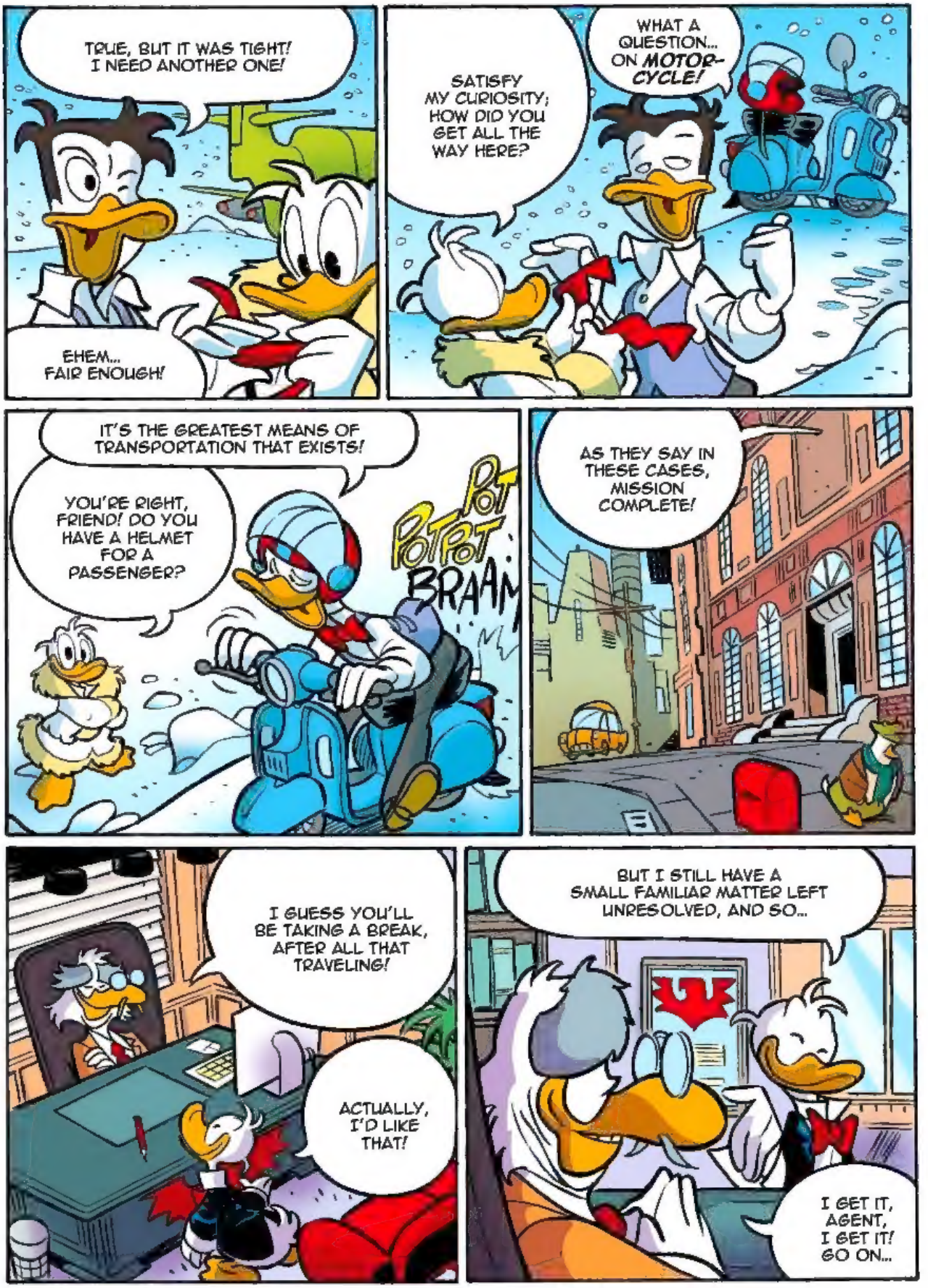

YOU'RE A VERY SMART AGENT! I SUPPOSE YOU ARE VERY WELL PAID!
YOU SUPPOSE WRONG...
AND WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO NOW?
SIMPLE! I'LL SELL ALL THE INFORMATION I'VE GATHERED TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!
AND IF THOSE WHO PAY YOU BEST WERE THE BAD GUYS?
I DON'T CARE! THEIR BUSINESS DOES NOT CONCERN ME!
I'M A PROFESS-IONAL!
HMPF... THE USUAL EXCUSE FOR DOING AS YOU PLEASE!
I'M GONNA HAVE TO SEARCH YOU! I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE HIDING SOME OTHER TECHNOLOGICAL DEVILRY!
YOU CAN RELAX, I HAVE NOTHING LEFT ON ME!

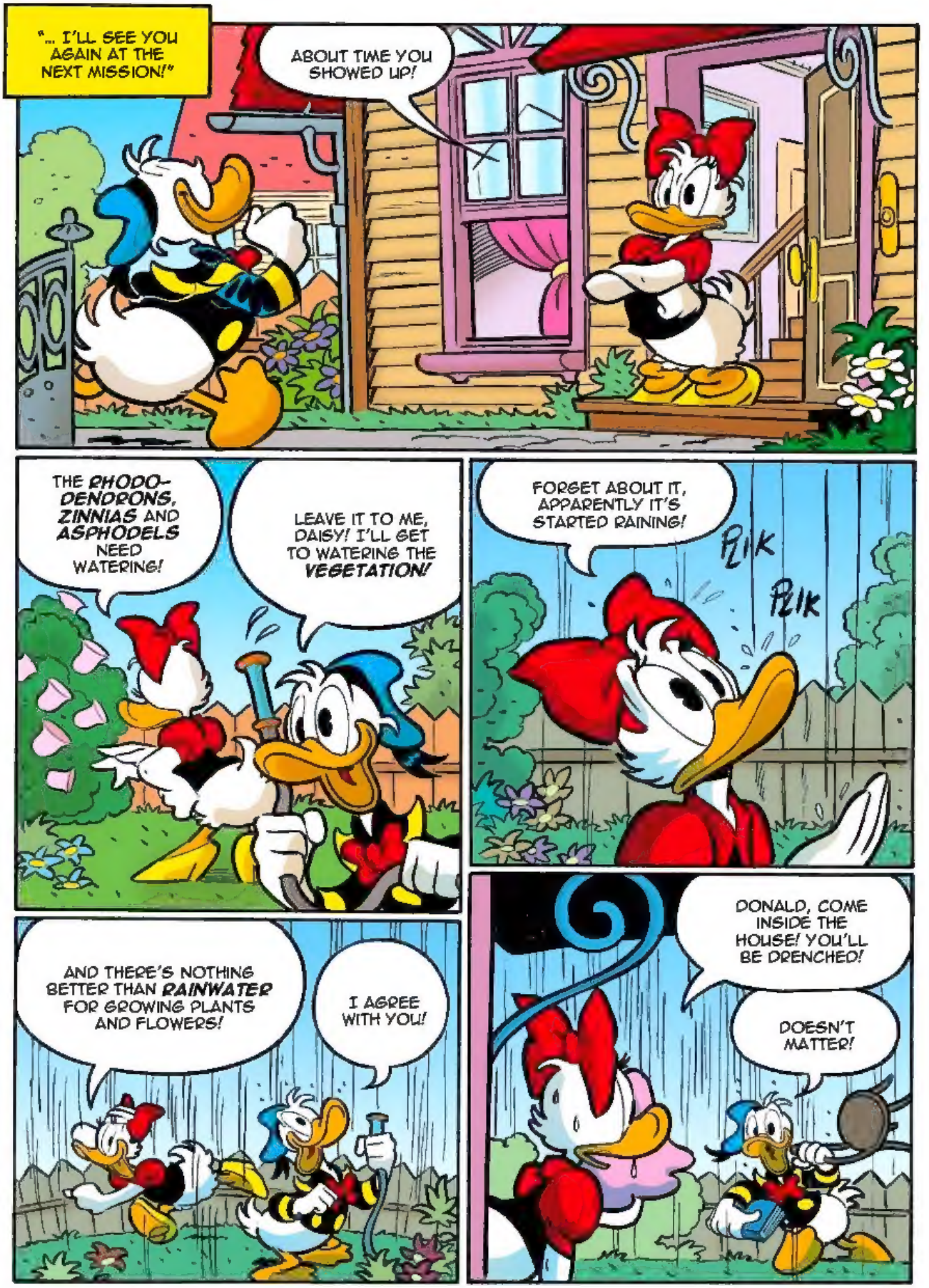
AND WHAT'S THIS?
JUST THE REMOTE CONTROL TO OPEN MY GARAGE DOOR!
IT'S ALSO DEFECTIVE!
YEAH, IT DOESN'T WORK...
TIK TIK
TIK
I HOPED THAT THE AGENCY'S TECHNICIAN COULD FIX IT! BUT APPARENTLY, IT'S AGAINST COMPANY POLICY!
COMPANY POLICY IS ALSO A NICE EXCUSE FOR DOING AS YOU PLEASE!
I BELIEVE WE'VE ARRIVED AT A CRUCIAL POINT OF THE STORY, DOUBLEDUCK!
WHICH?
THE ONE WHERE THE CHARACTERS SAY GOODBYE FOREVER!
HEY, YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE ME OUT HERE!
SWISH

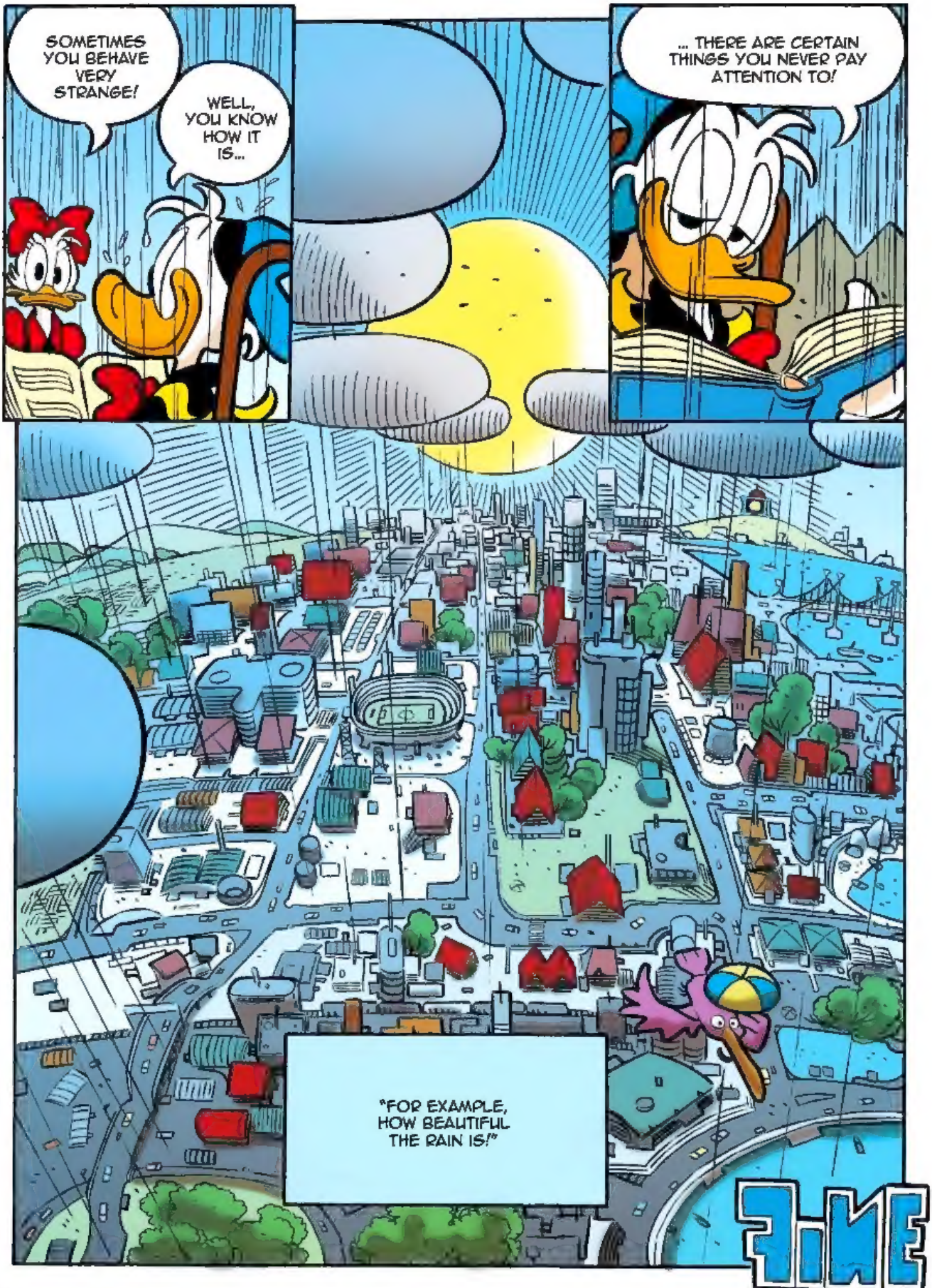
BELIEVE ME, I'D HAVE LOVED TO BRING YOU WITH ME! YOU'RE THE MOST FASCINATING DUCK I'VE EVER KNOWN!
BUT BUSINESS IS BUSINESS! AND IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT I ALSO KNOW HOW TO FLY THIS BEAST!
BEEEP
!?
HEY, HOLLY, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF "TWIST ENDING"?
YES, WHY?
CLIK
KLONK
BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE'VE ARRIVED AT THAT POINT OF THE STORY!
!
HELP!
APPARENTLY IT FIXED ITSELF! IN SPITE OF THE POLICY!

GET ME OUT OF HERE!
SURE...
... BUT NOT RIGHT AWAY!
SGRUNT!
AND SO...
EXCELLENT WORK, AGENT DOUBLEDUCK!
ON BEHALF OF THE ARCTIC SECTION OF THE AGENCY, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS!
ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, I ACCEPT! HE HE!
YOUR COURAGE AND YOUR ASTUTENESS HAVE ALLOWED THE NEUTRALIZATION OF A WORLDWIDE PLOT!
LET'S SAY IT'S BEEN A DAY OF WORK LIKE ANY OTHER!


WHAT DO YOU SAY, DD, WILL WE MEET AGAIN?
MAYBE, HOLLY!
WHEN?
THAT DEPENDS ON THE JUDGE!
NOW EVERYTHING'S REALLY OVER!
NOT EVERYTHING, DUCK!
I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU FOR A WHILE AND I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU!
BUT... YOU'RE...
I'M THE WAITER WHOSE BOWTIE YOU STOLE! REMEMBER?
YES, BUT... I GAVE YOU MINE IN EXCHANGE!
AND DO YOU REMEMBER? IT HAPPENED IN THE FIRST PART!


TRUE, BUT IT WAS TIGHT! I NEED ANOTHER ONE!
EHEM... FAIR ENOUGH!
SATISFY MY CURIOSITY; HOW DID YOU GET ALL THE WAY HERE?
WHAT A QUESTION... ON MOTOR-CYCLE!
IT'S THE GREATEST MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION THAT EXISTS!
YOU'RE RIGHT, FRIEND! DO YOU HAVE A HELMET FOR A PASSENGER?
POT POTPOT BRAAM
AS THEY SAY IN THESE CASES, MISSION COMPLETE!
I GUESS YOU'LL BE TAKING A BREAK, AFTER ALL THAT TRAVELING!
ACTUALLY, I'D LIKE THAT!
BUT I STILL HAVE A SMALL FAMILIAR MATTER LEFT UNRESOLVED, AND SO...
I GET IT, AGENT, I GET IT! GO ON...


"... I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN AT THE NEXT MISSION!"
ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED UP!
THE RHODO-DENDRONS, ZINNIAS AND ASPHODELS NEED WATERING!
LEAVE IT TO ME, DAISY! I'LL GET TO WATERING THE VEGETATION!
FORGET ABOUT IT, APPARENTLY IT'S STARTED RAINING!
PLIK
PLIK
AND THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN RAINWATER FOR GROWING PLANTS AND FLOWERS!
I AGREE WITH YOU!
DONALD, COME INSIDE THE HOUSE! YOU'LL BE DRENCHED!
DOESN'T MATTER!


SOMETIMES YOU BEHAVE VERY STRANGE!
WELL, YOU KNOW HOW IT IS...
... THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS YOU NEVER PAY ATTENTION TO!
"FOR EXAMPLE, HOW BEAUTIFUL THE RAIN IS!"
FINE